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INTRODUCTION

This deliverable is part of WP3. This work package will support the validation of digitisation tools, linguistic tools and resources created by research and development programs and their transference for exploitation in libraries and other cultural heritage organisations. In particular, the results from previous and ongoing research projects (e.g. IMPACT, CONTENTUS) will be made available to the community and the partners involved will provide assistance for the adaptation of the tools to specific domains and languages as well as training in the usage of tools.

This deliverable is an updated and enhanced version of the first online report on available tools (Deliverable 3.1). The objective of D3.1 was to produce a survey of existing tools, ground truth data and lexicon data for digitisation. This survey has been maintained and continuously updated by monitoring the research outcomes in digitisation techniques.

METHODOLOGY

The survey of tools (Deliverable 3.1) was initially released in May 2013. This release was comprised of about 200 digitisation tools and resources and can be accessed by the public using a search interface (http://succeed-project.eu/publications/available-tools/). To maintain the up-to-relevance, quality and sustainability of the survey of tools, two additional actions were performed in the previous and in this report period:

1. By monitoring the global digitisation community, the survey of tools was continuously updated and extended.
   Each WP3 project partner who contributed to the survey was responsible for keeping his entries in the tools list up-to-date. The project leaders triggered revisions of the tool list by asking the partners to check their entries. An attribute for the developer of each tool was added to the survey.
   Additionally, the tool list was extended whenever one of the partners found a new tool or resource that was considered relevant for the digitisation community. In its current version the survey of tools contains 259 categorized tools and resources. The resources comprise available Ground Truth and Lexicon Data with license information.

2. In the research domain a list of tools and resources can only be sustainable if it is regularly updated and maintained. As the Succeed project is now entering its final phase, the goal of WP3 is to involve the IMPACT Centre of Competence and the whole digitisation community in this process. To do so, firstly a feature was added to allow people to create an account and add tools to the list. Secondly, the information about the tools in the list can now be extended using a wiki. The community members can add valuable information to each tool such as training material, documentation or reports about their experiences with a certain tool.

The tools are grouped into categories and can be edited by registered users of the Succeed Wiki (http://succeed-project.eu/wiki/index.php/Category:Function). The Succeed Wiki (subsection for tools and resources: "DigitWiki") was initially filled with the information available through the online survey and the training material produced in Task 3.4.

DISSEMINATION STRATEGY & ACTIVITIES

In order to promote the survey and get as many contributions as possible, two different dissemination strategies were planned:

1. General dissemination of the survey and the DigitWiki.
    The general dissemination of the survey and the DigitWiki was performed by WP6, using the Succeed project and the Impact Centre of Competence dissemination channels such as Twitter, Facebook, blog, LinkedIn, etc., and the Succeed partners social networks. As an additional dissemination activity, the invitation was sent also to the Project Officer for a better distribution among the ongoing R&D EU-funded projects.

2. Dissemination addressed to particular targets.
    During the Succeed project, we have observed that when feedback from the public is needed, a better dissemination strategy is contacting people personally (via email for example) rather than in general social networks of mailing lists. Therefore, the Succeed partners, in particular the most technical ones, sent out invitations to companies and research institutes with which they were in contact in order to invite them to add their tools to this overview.

These dissemination activities were started by mid-July and a second round of contacts will be performed in September, apart from the continuous reminders through the social networks.